



# ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL



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## Today.....

Our meeting on **Saturday, the 20th November, 2021** will be held on Zoom platform and **there will be Nominating Committee Election 2021.**

**Nominating Committee elections:** The committee selected by the members will chose the team to lead the club in the Rotary Year 2022-23 led by PE Uday Dharmadhikari.

### Procedure for Nominating Committee Election 2021:



- As announced earlier, the election of Nominating committee will be held by electronic voting. All RCPC Members who will attend the club meeting, which will take place through Zoom platform, will allowed to vote by "E-Voting"

All members who will be registering attendance anytime between 6:30 pm and 6:50 pm will be eligible to vote. Attendance will be registered by using Google link which will be shown in "Chat Box" of Zoom

- The "online E- voting Ballot" google link will be shown on the Chat Box of Zoom. Only after Registration of Attendance a member will be able to cast his/her vote.

- Every member must cast no less than and no more than seven (7) votes

- Any "E-voting Ballot" that has > 7 or < 7 votes shall be declared invalid and discarded.

- Time of "E-Voting" should be between 6.40 pm to 7.00 pm

- For safety and integrity of the process, an OTP will be sent to your registered email id by 19th November evening from Email "[itsol.solutions@gmail.com](mailto:itsol.solutions@gmail.com)" or "[sanjeevchaudhary@gmail.com](mailto:sanjeevchaudhary@gmail.com)". Every member will have to use the OTP received over mail both for registering attendance and also for casting their vote on the Ballot. Hence, the same OTP will be used twice. Please keep ready at the time of "E-Voting" and "Voter's Attendance registration" for avoiding any last minute confusion..
- Please do not submit "E-voting" google form two or more times
- PE Uday Dharmadhikari will be responsible for conducting the election process and he and the election team will exercise due verification to maintain integrity of the process.



- **Please note that the e Voting Technology has been provided by an external service provider and the entire process from technical point will be controlled by them. Accordingly, confidentiality of votes of member will be completely ensured.**

#### **Details of Zoom Meeting :**

**Join Zoom Meeting :** <https://zoom.us/j/98234745097?pwd=RmszRm5aaHlFa0xSWlh4aWJCcHZqUT09>

**Meeting ID:** [982 3474 5097](#)

**Password:** 584742

Please do attend meeting to cast your vote for Nominating Committee Election.

I look forward to meeting you on our Zoom conference today at 6 PM **(6.00 PM to 6.30 PM pre-meeting fellowship followed by the meeting called to order at 6.30 PM).**

#### **The week that was.....**

##### **From Rtn. Lekha Nair...**

Pre-fellowship started at 6 PM on Zoom where many members joined and interacted with each other on various topics. Post pre-Fellowship, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Amitabha Mukhopadhyay and all members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

All the members observed silence for 2 minutes and paid homage to R'Ann Anjali Karnik who passed away on 6th November. The RCPC family is saddened by her demise and will miss her active presence in the Club Activities.

President Amitabha updated the members about the events of the past week. The Diwali celebrations and fellowship was a huge success with all members enjoying a fun filled evening.

The RCPC Assimilation Committee under chairmanship of Rtn. Brigadier Raja organised the Second Edition of the 'Sunday Breakfast Meeting' at Cafe East Street (Kind courtesy Tony Sachdev) on 31st October morning at 10.00 am, which was well attended. All members who joined the Club after 2017 were invited for this.

As a salute to spirit of giving, the members appreciated the contribution by :

Rtn PP Jinendra Munot - INR 2,20,200/- for Congenital Heart Disease Project

Rtn Oni Kakajiwala - INR 20,000 for Eye Care Project

Rtn Delshad Karanjia – INR 9,000 for Moledina School Project

Rtn PP Nani Desai – INR 6,000 for Moledina School Project.

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INR 24 lakh donation has been received for Joint Project with RC Kothrud for Chiplun-Mahad Flood Relief and Rehabilitation project 2021.

Also following donations were received from the CSR partners for the Vaccine on Wheel Project

Alkyl Amines Chemicals Ltd – INR 5 lakhs

Enam Asset Management – INR 2 lakhs

BMC software – INR 4 lakhs

We will also be partnering with Faurecia Foundation for supporting the Tribal Village Development/ Green Village Project.

BMC Software has donated 20 Dell Laptops to RCPC. These laptops will be used for "Vaccine-On-Wheels" to support COWIN registration at the vaccination sites for their various units deployed within Maharashtra. Once the VoW project ends, we will redeploy these laptops at various rural schools that are being supported by Rotary Club of Pune Central under Rotary's "Happy School" initiative. This initiative involves progressive upgradation of the infrastructure and facilities of rural schools including Teachers' Training to improve learning outcomes of the students.

President Amitabha updated members about the Vaccination on Wheels Project status. 3,68,598 vaccines have been administered as on 13th Nov August.

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021, RID 3131 organised '**WORLD POLIO DAY**' programme by felicitating Ms Bhavina Patel, Paralympic Silver Medal winner, who is a Polio survivor. Rtn. PP Surendra Kumar Jain along with Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi (RI Director) with her at the venue - Yashwantrao Auditorium, Kothrud, Pune.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Rotary Club of Pune Central and Vaccine-On-Wheels celebrated over ZOOM, the milestone of administering more than 3.5 Lakh COVID vaccine doses. The program was attended by the Board Members, Rotary Club of Pune Central, CSR Partners and NGO Partners and team of Vaccine-On-Wheels.

Same day RCPC and Jivika Healthcare also launched new initiative of Cancer-Care-On Wheels.

Cancer-Care-On Wheels Unit will be equipped to:

- Screen mothers for breast cancer, cervical cancer and oral cancer
- Screen fathers for oral cancer
- Vaccinate girl child with Cervical Cancer Vaccine to prevent cervical cancer

President announced that a blood donation drive will be organised by the Mavla Pratishtan and RCPC on 14th Nov at Mulshi Khurd. Rtn. Madhu bhau Rathie organised this drive.



An individual update- Rtn. Darshan Rathod, our newest member undertook a Cycling Expedition from Madurai – Rameshwaram – Dhanushkodi – Thoothukudi — Thiruchendur – Kanyakumari and culmination at Kovalam, Kerala. Our Senior Rtn Caswas Pundole was also part of this Expedition. The route intended to cover 450+ kilometres in 5 days of cycling (in an overall 9-day trip).

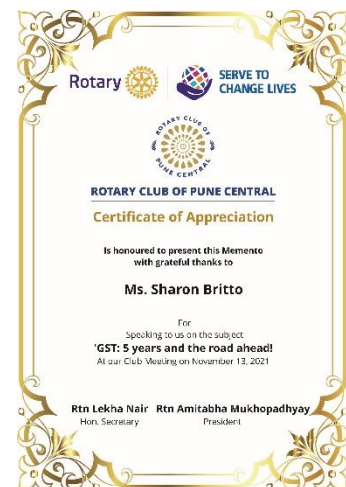
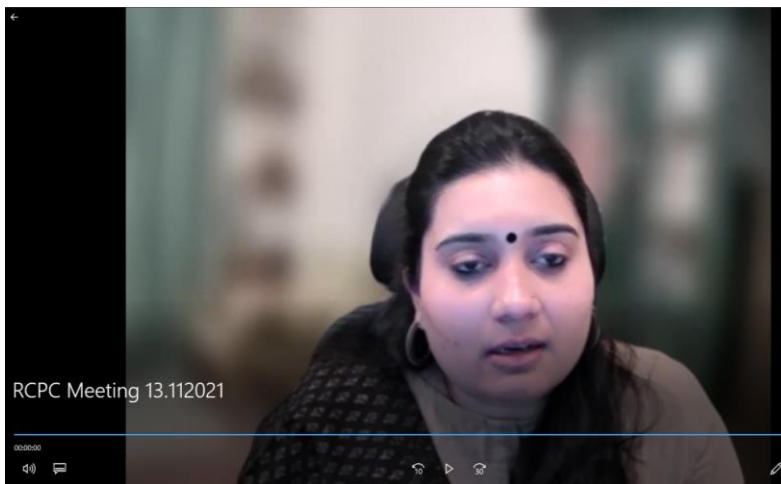
President once again reminded all members and briefed about the upcoming Nomination Committee Election.

We wished happy birthday to R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar, Rtn. Aruna Rathi, Rtn Yogesh Shah, Rtn Anil Bora, R'Ann Anagha Shah and Rtn PP Nani Desai. We wished happy anniversary to Rtn. PP Nani Desai and R'Ann Dolly Desai.

This week Ms Sharon Britto spoke on the topic - ' GST: five years and the Road Ahead.'

The session was a very informative one with the speaker explaining the basics of the complex GST tax in a simple manner. She also talked about the various GST slabs and what GST rates are applicable on the items used in everyday life.

**Coming Saturday, 20th November 2021 at 6.00 PM the Nomination Committee Election will be held over Zoom.**



**From Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor.....**

## **Status and progress of various Global Grant and CSR projects**

I am happy to share a report on the status and progress of CSR projects currently being implemented by RCPC.

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## Vaccine-On-Wheels – Covid 19 Mobile Vaccination Project:

Under this unique project, with the support of Vaccine-On-Wheels and CSR Partners, 31 Mobile Vaccination units have been deployed in Pune, Mumbai and Satara. As of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 3,90,067+ doses have been administered.



## GG2123447 - Gift of Vision – Cataract Surgery project

In May'2021, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) approved our GG project relating to reduction of cases of "Avoidable Blindness". The project envisages sponsoring around 3125 cataract surgeries for rural people from the economically weaker sections of society in Pune district. The project value is USD 129,352. This project is supported by the generous donation by Rtn. Nitin Desai and other RCPC members.

From July 2021 through October 2021, Cataract Surgeries performed and vision restored for 1,508 beneficiaries.

The timelines for the next steps are as follows:

- Submit Interim project completion report of first Instalment – Nov/Dec'2021
- TRF remits second (and balance) Instalment of the project funds to RCPC's Charity Trust in Jan'2022.
- Further Check-up Camps and Surgery - in Feb/Mar'2022
- Submit final project completion report– Mar'2022

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From Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi .....

### Blood Donation Camp

Blood donation camp was arranged at Mulshi by our RCC Mavala Prathishtan on urgent basis within 2 days on the request of Inlaks and Budrani Hospital for the 'THALASSEMIA PATIENTS'

The blood bank was running dry. We could collect 40 bottles.

This is our club's first blood donation camp.



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From Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar .....



## From Rotary Connect Committee or RCC

Past Presidents Raja, Prakash, Neeraj and Arvind

### **RI President-elect Jennifer Jones announces Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects during Global Citizen Live**

*The star-studded global event rallied people to take action on some of the world's most urgent problems*

by **Ryan Hyland**

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones, right, announces Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects during the Global Citizen Live event on 25 September in Paris, France. She's joined on stage with British actress Carmen Ejogo.

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones took the stage at the Global Citizen Live concert on 25 September in Paris, France, and pledged \$97 million in grant funding from the organization next year for sustainable, Rotary club-led projects.

**Global Citizen Live**, a 24-hour broadcast with events and performances across six continents, aimed to unite people to take action to defend the planet, end the COVID-19 pandemic, defeat poverty, provide education for all children, and promote equity and justice for all. Some of the world's top artists, celebrities, activists, and government leaders participated in this year's event to raise awareness and support in cities including Paris; Lagos, Nigeria; London, UK; Los Angeles, USA; New York City, USA; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Seoul, Korea; and Sydney, Australia.

In Paris, where Jones pledged Rotary's support, thousands of people gathered at the iconic Champ de Mars near the Eiffel Tower to see performances from Elton John, Ed Sheeran, Black Eyed Peas, Christine and the Queens, Doja Cat, Angélique Kidjo, and more. Other leaders pledging support included European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

"Every day millions of girls walk miles to fetch clean water, and millions of boys are on the streets instead of going to school. Every day moms and dads struggle to find ways to feed their children," Jones said from the main stage in Paris. "And every day, members of Rotary and Global Citizen start our days knowing that we can make a difference."

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"This year we're putting a special focus on empowering girls worldwide, opening doors for young women to build brighter futures," Jones said. "Today Rotary is committed to helping end poverty globally and protecting the planet by pledging \$97 million in grant funding during 2022 for sustainable, member-led projects."

She added: "We stand together with Global Citizen as people of purpose, people of action".

Rotary has worked with Global Citizen for a more than decade, primarily regarding the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. At the 2012 Global Citizen event in New York City, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and celebrity ambassador Archie Panjabi announced Rotary's \$75 million commitment to polio eradication. Rotary and Global Citizen have also connected at Rotary International Conventions, the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meetings, polio advocacy events, and polio funding announcements. In total, more than \$1.1 billion in commitments, 157 million trees to be planted, and 60 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to be donated to developing countries were announced in conjunction with the 25 September event.

**From Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi.....**

## **KNOW YOUR ROTARY**

### **ROTARY INFORMATION**

## **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

**Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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From Rtn. P K Malhotra.....

\*गुलज़ार साहब ने कितनी खूबसूरती से बता दिया कि जिंदगी क्या है।\*

\*-कभी तानों में कटेगी,\*

\*कभी तारीफों में,\*

\*ये जिंदगी है यारों,\*

\*पल पल घटेगी !!\*

\*-पाने को कुछ नहीं,\*

\*ले जाने को कुछ नहीं,\*

\*फिर भी क्यों चिंता करते हो,\*

\*इससे सिर्फ खूबसूरती घटेगी,\*

\*ये जिंदगी है यारों पल-पल घटेगी!\*

\*बार बार रफू करता रहता हूँ,\*

\*..जिन्दगी की जेब !!\*

\*कम्बखत फिर भी,\*

\*निकल जाते हैं...,\*

\*खुशियों के कुछ लम्हें !!\*

\*-ज़िन्दगी में सारा झगड़ा ही...\*

\*ख्वाहिशों का है !!\*

\*ना तो किसी को गम चाहिए,\*

\*ना ही किसी को कम चाहिए !!\*

\*-खटखटाते रहिए दरवाज़ा...,\*

\*एक दूसरे के मन का,\*

\*मुलाकातें ना सही,\*

\*आहटें आती रहनी चाहिए !!\*

\*-उड़ जाएंगे एक दिन ...,\*

\*तस्वीर से रंगों की तरह !\*

\*हम वक्त की टहनी पर...\*,

\*बेठे हैं परिंदों की तरह !!\*

\*-बोली बता देती है,इंसान कैसा है!\*

\*बहस बता देती है, ज्ञान कैसा है!\*

\*घमण्ड बता देता है, कितना पैसा है।\*

\*संस्कार बता देते हैं, परिवार कैसा है !!\*

\*-ना राज़\* \*है... "ज़िन्दगी",\*

\*ना नाराज़ है... "ज़िन्दगी"☺

\*बस जो है, वो आज है, ज़िन्दगी!\*

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\*-जीवन की किताबों पर,\*  
\*बेशक नया कवर चढ़ाइये;\*  
\*पर...बिखरे पन्नों को,\*  
\*पहले प्यार से चिपकाइये !!\*  
❖❖ "गुलजार" ❖❖

**President Amitabha Mukhopadhyay and RCPIANs condole the sad demise of Rtn. PDG Ghisulal Solanki in Pune on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. He was 78 years old. He was District Governor of our District in RY 2004 – 05.**

### What to expect in the next Five weeks.....

- **27 Nov:** Rtn. PDG Deepak Shakarpur will talk "The Rotary Foundation"
- **04 Dec:** to be announced.
- **11 Dec:** to be announced
- **18 Dec:** Annual General Meeting
- **25 Dec:** Christmas Holiday. No Meeting

### Birthdays and Anniversaries...



#### Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. PP Nani Desai  
Rtn. Parvin Malhotra  
Rtn. PP Vijai Sarkar  
Rtn. Dr. Saroj Bande  
Rtn. Lalit Vij

#### Birthday

November 20  
November 24  
November 25  
November 26  
November 26



#### Member and Spouse

Rtn. PP Nani and R'Ann Dolly Desai  
Rtn. Nitin and R'Ann Sonia Rajore  
Rtn. Dr. Ashok and R'Ann Dr. Sheila Bhav

#### Wedding Anniversary

November 15  
November 24  
November 26

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